

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) Stripping composition comprising, as active ingredient, at least benzyl acetate and a solvent chosen from methoxypropyl acetate, diacetone alcohol, methyl ethyl ketone, isophorone and the mixture of these, wherein the stripping composition is devoid of water, and wherein the stripping composition is in the form of a gel or of a cream.

2. (Previously Presented) Composition according to Claim 1, wherein the proportion by weight of the benzyl acetate varies between 15 and 60% and that of the solvent varies between 4 and 25%, with respect to the total weight of the composition.

3. (Previously Presented) Composition according to Claim 2, wherein the composition comprises 15 to 60% of benzyl acetate, 2 to 15% of diacetone alcohol and 2 to 15% of methoxypropyl acetate.

4. (Previously Presented) Composition according to Claim 1, wherein the composition additionally comprises at least one diffusion agent chosen from dipolar aprotic solvents.

5. (Previously Presented) Composition according to Claim 4, wherein the dipolar aprotic solvents are chosen from dimethyl sulphoxide (DMSO), N-methylpyrrolidone, dimethylformamide, acetonitrile, N-methylmorpholine, γ -butyrolactone, dimethylacetamide and their mixtures.

6. (Previously Presented) Composition according to Claim 4, wherein the proportion by weight of the diffusion agent varies from 5 to 25% with respect to the total weight of the composition.

7. (Previously Presented) Composition according to Claim 1, wherein the composition additionally comprises at least one activator chosen from diethanolamine, diethylenetriamine, dimethylethanolamine, quaternary amines and their mixtures.

8. (Previously Presented) Composition according to Claim 7, wherein the proportion by weight of the activator varies from 0.5 to 4% with respect to the total weight of the composition.

9. (Previously Presented) Composition according to Claim 1, wherein the composition additionally comprises at least one plasticizer.

10. (Previously Presented) Composition according to Claim 9, wherein the plasticizer is chosen from dibasic esters.

11. (Previously Presented) Composition according to Claim 10, wherein the plasticizer is a dialkyl ester or a mixture of dialkyl esters chosen from alkyl glutarates, alkyl succinates and alkyl adipates.

12. (Previously Presented) Composition according to Claim 11, wherein the plasticizer is a dimethyl ester or a mixture of dimethyl esters.

13. (Previously Presented) Composition according to Claim 9, wherein the proportion by weight of the plasticizer varies from 8 to 25% with respect to the total weight of the composition.

14. (Previously Presented) Composition according to Claim 1, wherein the composition additionally comprises at least one inorganic filler.

15. (Previously Presented) Composition according to Claim 14, wherein the inorganic filler is chosen from calcium phosphite, calcium carbonate, calcium hydroxide, clay, bentonite and talc.

16. (Previously Presented) Composition according to Claim 14, wherein the proportion by weight of the inorganic filler varies from 10 to 40% with respect to the total

weight of the composition.

17. (Previously Presented) Composition according to Claim 1, wherein the composition additionally comprises at least one dispersant.

18. (Previously Presented) Composition according to Claim 17, wherein the dispersant is chosen from fatty alcohol glucosides, polyglucosides of glucose esters and sucrose esters, alkylpolyglucoside ethers, fluorosurfactants derived from perfluoroalkylated polyamines, the acidic phosphoric ester of 2-ethylhexanol, and their mixtures.

19. (Previously Presented) Composition according to Claim 18, wherein the proportion by weight of the dispersant varies from 0.5 to 4% with respect to the total weight of the composition.

20. (Previously Presented) Composition according to Claim 1, wherein the composition additionally comprises at least one thickener.

21. (Previously Presented) Composition according to Claim 20, wherein the thickener is a hydroxypropylmethylcellulose ester.

22. (Previously Presented) Composition according to Claim 20 wherein the proportion by weight of the thickener varies from 0.2 to 3% with respect to the total weight of the composition.

23. (Canceled)

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25. (Withdrawn) A method for stripping, the method comprising:

obtaining a stripping composition wherein the stripping composition has benzyl acetate as active ingredient,

applying the stripping composition to a material to be stripped, and

scraping the material to be stripped.

26. (Withdrawn) The method according to Claim 25 wherein the material to be stripped by the stripping composition is upon a construction field material.

27. (Withdrawn) The method according to Claim 25 wherein the stripping composition strips a lower part of hulls of boats.

28. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 25, wherein the scraping occurs after about 5 minutes to about 48 hours from the applying of the stripping composition.